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TAGS: PINT, PK

SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION IN LAHORE DISTRICT

1. FOLLOWING PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION OF PROBABLY UP TO 300 LAWYERS AND WOMEN IN DOWNTOWN LAHORE, MIDDAY OF MAY 19, AND ANTICIPATING FURTHER AND LARGER DEMONSTRATIONS ON MAY 20, LAHORE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES REIMPOSED TIGHT CURFEW ON ENTIRE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND CANTONEMENT AREAS AT 0730 HOURS, MAY 20. CURFEW WAS RELAXED FROM 1330 TO 1500 TO PERMIT ATTENDANCE AT FRIDAY PRAYERS AND WAS LIFTED OVER WHOLE AREA AT 1800 HOURS. EXCEPT FOR SOME ABORTED ATTEMPTS TO TAKE OUT PROCESSIONS FOLLOWING PRAYERS, LAHORE HAD SPENT A QUIET DAY.

2. NOT SO SIALKOT, WHERE FOUR PERSONS REPORTEDLY KILLED AND 16 INJURED ON MAY 20 AS A RESULT OF POLICE REACTION TO DEMONSTRATION INVOLVING ATTACK ON PPP OFFICE. NO REPORTS OF VIOLENCE ELSEWHERE IN LAHORE CONSULAR DISTRICT.

3. PRESS RELEASE FROM MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES STATES THEIR  
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EARNEST DESIRE THAT NORMALCY SHOULD CONTINUE TO PREVAIL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES BE RESTORED. RELEASE ALSO EXPRESSES AWARENESS OF HARDSHIPS AND DIFFICULTIES CAUSED TO ALL CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY THE WORKING CLASS AND DAILY WAGE EARNERS, DUE TO THE IMPOSITION OF CURFEW RESTRICTIONS." THESE HARDSHIPS, RELEASE CONCLUDES, CAN BE LARGELY OVERCOME "IF ALL LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS TAKE ACTIVE PART IN THWARTING THE EVIL DE-

SIGNS OF THOSE WHO ARE OUT TO DISTURB THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY  
OF LAHORE."  
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